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FREE SCHOOL EDUCATION TO DISABLED CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a)Whether free school education is provided to the children with disabilities;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Ministry has made any efforts to provide free education for the physically challenged students in the Colleges and Universities; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a)& (b) Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 provides for access to free education to children with disabilities in Government and Government aided educational institutions. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), 10.77 lakh children had been enrolled in elementary schools. Under the Scheme for the Integrated Education of the Disabled Children (IEDC), about 2 lakhs disabled children were integrated under the scheme. The Government under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme supports 465 special schools in providing free education to 60,000 children with disabilities.

(c) No, Sir. However limited scholarship is provided to those who take up technical studies at college level.

(d)Does not arise.